

Thomas Mayo – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Thomas Mayo was the eldest son of Nathaniel and Hannah Prentice Mayo and the grandson of Rev. John Mayo. Thomas and his brothers Samuel and Nathaniel Jr. lived in Eastham. Thomas was born in Eastham in 1650. He married Barbara Knowles in 1677. They had at least seven children based on Eastham birth records. Thomas died in 1729 at age seventy-nine. He had an original gravestone in Orleans Cemetery which was recorded in a 1960 survey of the cemetery but his stone could not be found in a survey done about 2010.

Thomas had a cousin named Thomas who lived in Eastham. In the Town records this cousin is referred to as Thomas, son of John. Land grants to Thomas, son of John, are not included in this study.

1678

This record makes reference to the location of Thomas Mayo's dwelling house. It was near the Cove side at Pochet and near land of Hannah Sparrow, Thomas Prentice and Goodman Hopkins. PDF A157.

1679

The three sons of Nathaniel Mayo (Thomas, Samuel and Nathaniel) agreed about distribution of the land inherited from their father. The land holdings included ten acres of land near the Cove where Thomas and Nathaniel lived, ten acres of upland at Pochet next to land of Thomas Rogers, land at Great Namskaket, meadow at Boat Meadow, meadow at Rock Harbor and land at Indian Brook at Billingsgate. PDF A159, M224, S55.

1682

Granted to Thomas Mayo, Nathaniel Mayo, Samuel Mayo, Daniel Doane and Thomas Bills the great dry swamp at Pochet provided they clear the swamp and kill the brush within six years. PDF P45.

1691

The Town appointed Thomas Mayo, Daniel Doane and John Paine to set out land for the Indian meeting house near the Potanumaquit salt water pond. PDF P59, P60.

1696

Granted to Thomas Mayo and his heirs six acres of meadow and two acres of upland at the easterly end of Bound Brook Island at Little Billingsgate next to land of John Smalley. Bounds were indicated by marked trees.

PDF A259, S65.

1703

Granted to Thomas Mayo and his heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet Flats near Sampson's Island. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about three acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A269, M143.

Granted to Thomas Mayo and David Young and their heirs a parcel of meadow at Poched high meadow near the beach. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about four acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes.

PDF A278, M164, S85.

1706

Granted to Thomas Mayo about one acre on the northern side of his dwelling house. The acre was near his barn and near a little swamp and near a great white oak tree. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF A286, M47, M48.

1711

Granted to Thomas Mayo and his heirs about four acres on the southerly side of the Sheep Pond and west of land of Joshua Higgins. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T10.

Granted to Thomas Mayo and his heirs about two acres on the northerly side of a swamp and near the dwelling house of Nathaniel Atkins. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T17.

Granted to Thomas Mayo and his heirs a wood lot lying between the way that goes to Blackfish Creek and the way that goes to Silver Spring. The dimensions indicate the lot was about eight acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T17.

Granted to Thomas Mayo and his heirs about four acres of upland on the westerly side of his house lot. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T43.

Granted to Thomas Mayo and his heirs a six acre wood lot on the easterly side of the way to Billingsgate and next to Isaac Pepper's lot. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T43.

Granted to Thomas Mayo and his heirs about four acres north of the house lot of Joseph Doane. Bounds were indicated by stones. A suitable and sufficient way to Doane's house must always be allowed through the westerly end of this land. PDF T82.

Land at Great Island at Billingsgate was divided into twenty-four approximately equal sized lots. The ninth lot was granted to Thomas Mayo, Israel Cole, Capt. Samuel Freeman and Deacon Samuel Freeman. The lot was about seven acres like the other lots. PDF T87.

1712

Granted to Thomas Mayo and his heirs about four acres on the westerly side of land of Samuel Mayo. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T43.

Granted to Thomas Mayo and his heirs about six acres for a wood lot on the easterly side of David Doane's wood lot. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T82.

1715

Granted to Thomas Mayo and his heirs two parcels of land. One parcel was two and one-half acres on the northerly end of Samson's Island. The other parcel was about seven acres next to land of Jonathan Higgins and next to the way that went from Pochet to Harwich. Bounds of each parcel were indicated by stones. PDF T218.

Granted to Thomas Mayo and his heirs a wood lot on the east side of the way to Billingsgate. This was the fifth in a series of 156 wood lot grants. The lot ran north sixteen pole and ran east to the Backside Sea. Many of these lots ran east 320 pole (one mile). These dimensions would make the Mayo lot about thirty-two acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF T263.

The Eastham land owned by Thomas Mayo or his heirs described in these records amounts to about ninety-five acres. Up to 1745 twenty-two more Mayos including his father and grandfather received Eastham land grants.